

My local Bell ILEC would not even offer me DSL service. Fortunately, Covad and my ISP did. I am very pleased with this service, though I also have a cable modem now that one is FINALLY available in my area.

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.